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# 'STAB VICTIM NOT MOVING'

Teenager 'likely to be immobile' at time of incident, court told

By Joe Nimmo

**CONNOR Tremble was probably not moving when he was repeatedly stabbed by Will Blencowe, a forensic pathologist has said.**

Expert witness Dr Alexander Kolar told a jury in Oxford Crown Court it would have been "extremely unusual" if the 17-year-old's wounds had been caused during a fight.

Blencowe, of Oxford Road, Banbury, admits inflicting the fatal injuries on February 13 this year, but claims he acted in self-defence and denies murder.

The prosecution alleges the 21-year-old killed Connor inside his flat in Fairacres Road, Oxford, because the teenager was seeing his ex-girlfriend, Aimee Harrison.

Answering questions on Monday, Dr Kolar said 10 of the stab wounds were on the back of Connor's body.

He was asked by prosecutor Charles Ward-Jackson if the wounds were likely to have been caused "in the context of a fight", as Blencowe claims.

Dr Kolar replied: "It would have been extremely unusual to get such a cluster (of wounds) all going in the same direction if someone was moving around."

Mr Ward-Jackson said: "Does that mean the deceased was likely to be still at that point?"

The witness replied: "He was likely to be immobile, or in a similar position."

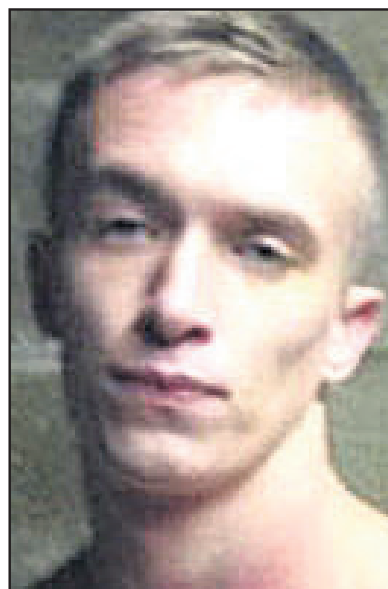
Dr Kolar added that Connor suffered 15 stab wounds and died from complications caused by his injuries on February 15, despite surgery to save his life at Oxford's John Radcliffe Hospital.

Last week a defence expert witness psychiatrist, who visited Blencowe in prison after the killing, told the jury he had a history of mental health problems and could not sleep with the lights off.

Dr Michael Orr said the defendant told him he planned to buy heroin in Oxford to kill himself, but stopped off at Connor's flat to "make peace" with him.

He said Blencowe claimed Connor opened the door holding a knife.

The jury heard he told the doctor: "I



Will Blencowe, left, is accused of murdering Connor Tremble, right

grabbed his arm. It was like he was ready to get me. I could see the situation but I was an onlooker."

Dr Orr said: "He could see his arm going in stabbing movements."

The witness – who said Blencowe had a borderline personality disorder – added: "He felt he had not killed anyone because 'someone else has stolen my body'."

On Tuesday the younger brother of Blencowe's co-defendant Grant Clemens described handing over his trainers on the night Connor was killed.

Declan Clemens, 19, of Stockwells, Moreton-in-Marsh, said at about 8pm his brother Grant let Bradley Jones and Will Blencowe into their house.

Declan said he heard the shower running and a short time later his brother came into his bedroom and asked to borrow a pair of Adidas trainers.

He said: "(Grant) said, 'I need to borrow your trainers.'"

"I said no, and he offered me two (cannabis) reefers for them, so I said yes."

Asked why he thought his brother needed them, he replied: "I didn't really want to know."

Bradley Jones, 21, of New Road, Bledington, and Clemens, 23, of Stockwells, Moreton-in-Marsh, are also on trial and both deny perverting the course of justice.

The trial continues.

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## Prison fails to get rapist to court on time

A MAN and a 15-year-old boy convicted of carrying out a rape on New Year's Eve will have to wait two weeks to find out their sentence.

Waqas Hussain, 21, of Prescott Avenue, Banbury, and the teenager who cannot be named for legal reasons, were due to be sentenced at Oxford Crown Court on Friday.

Hussain had last month been found guilty of two counts of rape and one of false imprisonment while the teenager was convicted of one count of rape and one of false imprisonment but cleared of another count of rape.

But staff at HMP Bullingdon did not put Hussain on the transport to the crown court and he was several hours late.

Judge Gordon Risius said: "This delay gives me the greatest concern."

"I know that steps are already in place to remonstrate with HMP Bullingdon for their failure to make sure Waqas Hussain was put on the transport this morning."

The case was adjourned until Friday, September 5, at 2pm.

## Police call to identify youth

POLICE want to track this boy in connection with the theft of a bike at Banbury railway station.

The crime happened at about 3.40pm on Thursday, June 19, and British Transport Police first made an appeal to identify three youths last month.

Two of the young men have now been identified but the one pictured above is yet to be.

Sergeant Mark Summerfield said: "I would like to thank the media and the public for their help thus far."

"However, I am still keen to trace and speak to the third youth as I believe he can also assist the investigation."

Anyone with information should call British Transport Police on 0800 40 50 40, or text 61016, quoting reference MSUB/B10.



## Peeping tom watched customer undress at swimming pool

# Prolific voyeur jailed for spying on women

A MAN with a history of voyeurism has been told "the time has come" for him to understand the seriousness of his crimes.

Philip Harper was last Friday jailed for 28 months for spying on women for sexual gratification.

The 45-year-old, of Edinburgh Way, Banbury, was caught watching a woman in a changing room at the town's Spiceball swimming pool last August. He has 15 previous convictions.

In June, while awaiting trial, Harper was caught standing on a flower pot and looking into the bedroom of a ground-floor flat in Banbury.

By Banbury reporter

Harper, who admitted a charge of voyeurism and breaching an antisocial behaviour order, was told by Judge Peter Ross at Oxford Crown Court:

"The time has come for you to understand that the court will not condone repeated offences of this type."

"This is real, and this is very much the impact that this sort of offending has on people. The fact that you have not touched someone does not in some way lessen the effect upon those who you have spied on."

The court heard a woman had taken

her two children to the swimming pool on August 17, 2013, and while she was changing out of her costume she noticed a man watching her from the gap between the floor and the cubicle wall.

While awaiting trial, on June 7 he was found looking through a bedroom window of a ground floor flat by a man who lived there with his partner.

Harper, who appeared in court via video link from HMP Bullingdon, was sentenced to 16 months for the count of voyeurism at the swimming pool, four months for the breach of his Asbo and eight months for the count of voyeurism in June, to run consecutively.



Philip Harper

## Shoppers see TV favourites

HE usually lives under the sea but children's character SpongeBob SquarePants was on land to meet young Banbury shoppers last Wednesday.

The yellow TV character, who lives in the fictional underwater city Bikini Bottom, was at Castle Quay shopping centre as part of its Fun4Free summer holidays campaign to get more families at the centre.

Salvia Close resident Hayley Anderson, a mum of three, took her four-year-old daughter Lucy Woodward to meet him and shook his hand.

She said: "It's her favourite TV show in the whole wide world and she was absolutely made up to see him."

"She was looking all over the shopping centre and said 'maybe he's still in Bikini Bottom getting changed' because she couldn't find him at first."

Lucy Woodward, who has SpongeBob-themed bedding and a bag, said: "I enjoyed it a lot because SpongeBob is my favourite programme."

The shopping centre will feature a different character each Wednesday this month, with Dora the Explorer and Fireman Sam already planned.



Lucy Woodward takes a close look at SpongeBob SquarePants

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## River plunge family rescued

A MOTHER and daughter were taken to hospital after their car plunged into the River Cherwell on Sunday.

Also in the crash were the father and second daughter, who have now both been discharged from the John Radcliffe Hospital in Oxford.

The family were rescued by firefighters after their car left the road at Nell Bridge between Aynho and Adderbury.

The red Mercedes car left the road at about 7.15am and fell 10 metres – 33ft – down the bank and into the river.

It took three crews from

Banbury, Deddington and Kidlington to rescue the family from the waist-deep water.

An Oxfordshire Fire and Rescue Service spokesman said:

"The four occupants of the vehicle had managed to release themselves from the vehicle but were still in the water, unable to remove themselves due to their injuries, shock, the depth of water and the steep embankment."

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## Having a flutter at museum

**BANBURY** schoolgirl Jasmine Gili-Stead proudly displays the beautiful butterfly she created at an Oxford museum.

Jasmine was among more than 200 children who made the stunning artworks using recycled materials at Oxford Natural History Museum on Parks Road.

An educational event, held in conjunction with the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, aimed to highlight how people can help pollination of plants in Oxfordshire.

The children, along with their parents, attended the event and learned about mini-beasts and how to make their gardens more

friendly places for bugs to live. They made their winged insects by cutting them out of coloured paper and magazines.

Six-year-old Jasmine gave her butterfly to her mum.

Jasmine said: "I really like making things."

"I like the green colour from the magazine."

Rachel Parle, education officer at the museum, said: "It was a really busy and popular day."

"Some of the butterflies were amazing."

"It was good for us to be able to hold an event that will help the world around us."

The family fun event took place on Thursday, August 7.



## InBRIEF

### Sewer problem disrupts buses

■ A COLLAPSED sewer is set to disrupt buses in Banbury until August 27, as a bus company has confirmed. Routes serving Middleton Road and Ermont Way, including the 200 and 500, have been unable to reach the street because of the problem. A diversion via Concord Avenue and Hennef Way has been put in place, Stagecoach Oxfordshire said. The B7 is operating as normal with slight delays.

### Fire crew helps at crash scene

■ FIREFIGHTERS were called to an incident in Banbury during one of four periods of strike action over the weekend. They attended a three-vehicle accident on Ayno Road, Adderbury at 12.46pm on Saturday. The industrial action was called by the Fire Brigades Union over disputes about pension reform.

### Law firm hopes for award win

■ BRETHERTONS LLP solicitors, based at Waterperry Court in Banbury, has been shortlisted for the CGS Award for Excellence in Conveyancing Practice and Excellence in Client Service, part of the Law Society Excellence Awards 2014. The winners will be announced at the Park Plaza Hotel in London on October 9.

## 21-year-old graduates to the ranks of Adjutant General's Corps

# Sandhurst cadet is proud to join Army

A CADET from Sibford Gower has graduated from one of the world's most prestigious military academies.

Laura Wealsby, 21, was one of 200 cadets who passed out from the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst.

She underwent 44 weeks of intensive military and academic training and faced sporting challenges.

On August 9 she took part in the Sovereign's Parade in front of the Queen's Representative General Sir Peter Wall, chief of General Staff.

Laura, who will be going on to serve with the Adjutant General's Corps, said: "I'm really proud to have passed out from Sandhurst."

By Helen Wright

"I have always wanted to be in the Army, because I want a long career which has variety and gives me the chance to include sport and travel."

"Applying to Sandhurst is daunting but I've gained a lot of confidence, learnt the ethos of the platoon and made some great friends."

The parade has been run at the end of each term on Old College Square at Sandhurst, Berkshire, for more than 200 years.

At the stroke of midnight at the

Commissioning Ball, which took place after the passing out parade, each newly commissioned Second Lieutenant displayed their rank insignia for the first time.

Brigadier Andrew Jackson, the Director of Recruiting and Training for the Army, said: "The British Army has a long history of recruiting the brightest and best young officers, and Sandhurst is just the start of the outstanding training they will receive throughout their careers."

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Laura Wealsby

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## Gentle giant ex-teacher drowns in boat accident

A RETIRED Bloxham School teacher described by a former pupil as a "gentle giant" drowned after his yacht capsized off the coast of Ireland last Wednesday night.

Douglas Perrin, 66, who moved to County Cork with his wife Judith, 60, after retiring three years ago, was sailing with two friends when strong winds hit their boat.

Former pupil Roddy Sweetingham, who was taught A-Level Politics by Mr Perrin at Bloxham, said he would be sorely missed.

The 23-year-old operations director, who now lives in London, said: "He was absolutely fantastic, an absolute gentle giant with a very dry sense of humour that you didn't always see coming."

"He got people through A-Level Politics who you wouldn't have expected to pass and we had strawberries and cream at his house at the end of every term."

"He was a wonderful teacher," Mrs Perrin, who taught English at Headington School, was not in the yacht at the time.

It is believed the two friends who were in the boat with Mr Perrin, at Roaring Water Bay, off the coast of County Cork, managed to swim to safety on a small island, before they were picked up by coastguards.

Shortly after retiring, Mr Perrin volunteered to teach English in the deprived town of Jambiani, Zanzibar, as charity Zanzibar Action Project.

Project co-founder Janie Preece said: "He was very clever and I would say he was unusual, because anyone who wants to do what he did volunteering in Zanzibar is a bit unusual."

"He came out and did six months with us just after he retired because I think he felt he was going to miss Bloxham a bit."

"He was an extremely good teacher, everybody who met him liked him."

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Breda Lamb, left, with service users Brenda Stevens, centre, and Iris Appleyard OX69213

# Concerns for elderly lonely

By Alex Wynick

A NEW survey from Friends of the Elderly has found more than 51,000 older people in Oxfordshire are lonely.

The research has revealed 51,824 people in the county over the age of 60 – one in 13 – live without permanent company.

The report also said the number was rising: by 2030, the number of lonely older people in the UK will have increased by 40 per cent.

Breda Lamb is a manager for the Royal Voluntary Service, which can call on 60 volunteers to visit elderly people in Banbury.

She said: "We have volunteers who go into people's homes for an hour a week and just chat with them and help out. They do light housework sometimes, it's just a helping hand. We also have telephone schemes where volunteers call a lonely person once a week."

Friends of the Elderly research found that just under half of Oxford residents said that they have "irregular or no contact" with older people, and the same percentage – 48.6 – feel that they could do more to help.

Ms Lamb said: "We're always looking for more

volunteers. People think it takes up lots of time, but it's only an hour a week and that makes such a difference."

She blames modern lifestyles for the rise in loneliness among the elderly.

Ms Lamb said: "The problem with the way our society works is that people move away with work and families get split up."

"People work such long hours these days our society doesn't make any allowances for that lifestyle of talking to your elderly neighbours at all."

"I think it's more of a problem in the affluent areas, like Oxford, because people are more likely to have jobs that take them away from home."

"People don't realise there are all these elderly people who are sitting at home without anybody to talk to."

Simon Bottery, director of policy at Independent Age, a charity which campaigns to help the elderly in the UK, said: "One in five older people say they would like to have more social contact. We have seen loneliness as a bad

thing for a long time, but now research has shown the consequences of it."

"It has a serious long-term impact on people's health and life expectancy."

"People who are lonely often have depression, it suppresses the immune system and encourages heavy drinking."

"It's a serious health issue."

He said that it was easy, especially after a change in life, such as a death or illness, for older people to become isolated, and he added that keeping social contacts up was the key to preventing loneliness.

Mr Bottery said: "It's the hardest advice to take, but it's almost the most important: don't wait until you're retired or elderly to start making friends and keeping in touch with your family."

"You should have a group of people that you take with you through your life."

"It's difficult to suddenly pick them up because you realise you'd like to have more social contact."

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development, youth development, assistance to disadvantaged or disabled people, environmental conservation and cultural enrichment.

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## InCOURT

■ **MATTHEW SHERRY**, 31, of Brethel Hill, Banbury, admitted two charges of shoplifting consumables from the Co-op in Longelandes Way, Banbury, on June 15. Also admitted shoplifting consumables from the same store on June 19. Given a 18-month conditional discharge and told to pay a total of £55 compensation and a £15 victim's surcharge.

■ **LUKE RANDALL**, 31, of Highclere Gardens, Banbury, admitted criminal damage after destroying a kitchen window belonging to Sanctuary Housing in Withycombe Drive, Banbury, on April 7. Also admitted two charges of assault by beating in Withycombe Drive, Banbury, on April 7. Given an 11-week prison sentence, suspended for two years. Restraining order made. Told to pay a total compensation of £250, an £80 victim's surcharge, and £350 costs. Also ordered to complete programme and supervision requirements.

■ **JAKE ORWA**, 21, of Harlech Close, Banbury, admitted failing to comply with a direction given by a police officer to leave High Street, Banbury, and not return within 48 hours on June 27. Also admitted using threatening, abusive or insulting words or behaviour or disorderly behaviour with intent to cause harassment, alarm or distress in Bridge Street, Banbury, on June 27. Sentenced to eight weeks in prison.

■ **ROBERT BENFIELD**, 18, of Coopers Gate, Banbury, convicted of travelling on a railway without a valid ticket on February 11. Fined £200 and told to pay £4.70 compensation, a £20 victim's surcharge and £125 costs.

■ **DEAN FLETCHER**, 34, of Dairy Ground, King's Sutton, admitted travelling on a railway without a valid ticket on January 24. Fined £165 and told to pay £4.70 compensation, a £20 victim's surcharge and £125 costs.

## Bus alterations for bank holiday

■ **BUS** company Stagecoach has said its services on Bank Holiday Monday will run to Sunday times. All routes will be affected, the firm said, including the Oxford Tube to and from London, and X5 between Oxford and Cambridge. Oxford Bus Company said its city services would run to Sunday timetables, but park-and-ride routes, such as the 300 and 400, would have their own special timetables. Other park and ride services, as well as the Brookesbus and the X90 to London, will run to Sunday times. Visit [stagecoachbus.com](http://stagecoachbus.com) or [oxfordbus.co.uk](http://oxfordbus.co.uk)

# Headteacher 'exceptionally proud' of Banbury Academy students A-Level pupils rejoice as their hard work pays off

By Helen Wright

**THERE** were plenty of smiles in Banbury last week as teenagers received their A-Level results.

At Banbury Academy there was a marginal increase in students gaining A\*-B grades but a slight dip in those gaining A\*-E grades.

The 2014 results of 95 Year 13 pupils saw 22 per cent of pupils awarded A\*-A grades, 48.7 per cent with A\*-B grades and 97.8 per cent receive A\*-E.

Last year the school had results of 46 per cent A\*-B grades and A\*-E were 99 per cent.

Pupil Catherine Turvey, from Banbury, got three A\* grades in Psychology, English Language and Sociology.

In October she will be going on to study Psychology at the University of Warwick.

The 18-year-old said: "I was really overwhelmed with the results, I didn't expect to get such good grades. I am really chuffed."

"I was over the moon about it."

"I couldn't have done it without the support of my parents and the teachers who have been really encouraging."

Josh Boffin, 18, studied Health and Social Care, RE and Sociology and received three A grades.

He said: "I am amazingly proud because this means I have got my scholarship to the University of Sussex to study Sociology."

Halaah Karim will be going to study Politics at the University of Nottingham in September.

The 18-year-old got an A\*, A and a B after taking her exams in English Literature, English Language and History.

She said: "I am quite proud, I wasn't expecting to get those grades. I did better than expected. I think I was predicted AAB. It's great."

Deborah Harris, head of sixth form at Banbury Academy, said: "We are exceptionally proud."

"The number of A\*, A and B grades has increased once again this year, demonstrating the high quality teaching, but most importantly, impressive effort throughout the courses and full preparation for the exams from the students themselves."

"We are proud of every one of our students and the effort they put into their exams."

"We look forward to following their



ABOVE LEFT: Banbury Academy headteacher Emily Gent with A-Level students, back row, from left, Halaah Karim and Catherine Turvey, and front row, from left, Oliver King and Michael Ho. TOP RIGHT: Banbury Academy students Katy Allen, left, and Nicole Clark check their results. ABOVE RIGHT: A pupil celebrates

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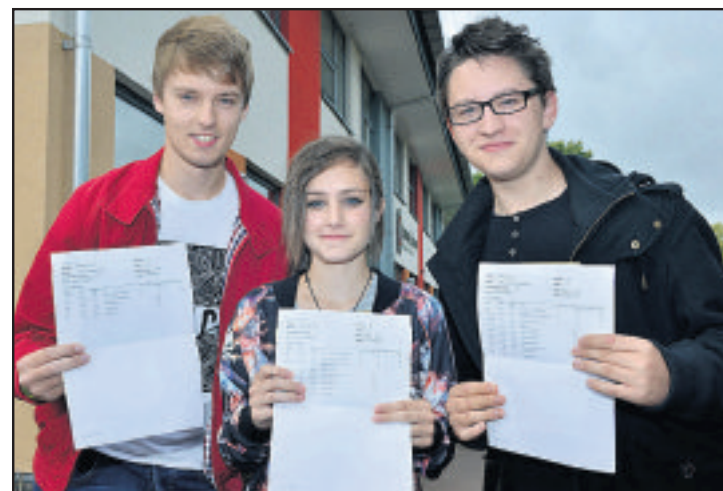


Aden Willson, left, and Caitlin Ryman

future successes in their chosen pathways."

Blessed George Napier School's results were 22 per cent A\*-A grades, A\*-B 55 per cent and 99 per cent A\*-E.

Sixty of their students sat exams this year.



From left: Louis Minogue-Corps, India Ball and Josh Boffin

## Stable results across county

**OXFORDSHIRE** appears to have bucked the national trend as the county's pass rate remained stable despite a nationwide dip.

Indications show results were at a similar level to last year, with about 93 per cent of students receiving two or more A-Levels at the pass rate – grades A\* to E.

Last year this figure was 92.6 per cent, the county council has said.

County councillor Melinda Tilley, the cabinet member for education,

said: "As always, results day represents the culmination of years of hard work on the part of the young people themselves, and the efforts of dedicated teaching staff across the county."

"Parents also play a crucial role in supporting their children through the exam period, which can be extremely stressful, and the achievements of students are always a huge credit to their families."

## Poorer performance UK wide

**NATIONALLY**, the A-Level pass rate dropped for the first time in more than 30 years.

In total, 98 per cent of exams scored at least an E this summer, down from 0.1 percentage points – the first time it has fallen in 32 years – while just over one in four of exams were awarded an A\* or A grade, down 0.3 percentage points on last summer.

But the proportion of A\* grades rose to 8.2 per cent, up 0.6 percentage points on 2013.

A Department of Education

spokesman insisted that the drop in the A\*-E pass rate was "insignificant".

The latest results show that an increasing number of students are choosing science, with the number electing to study biology, chemistry and physics rising by 2 per cent, while those taking maths has gone up by 0.9 per cent and further maths by 1.5 per cent.

Meanwhile the number studying English has gone down by 4.6 per cent and even greater decreases can be seen in subjects such as political studies, which is down by 10.6 per cent.





Ellie Laurie, left, and her friend Lara Tinant

## Girl's tribute to brother Canoe trip for hospice funds

A BANBURY school pupil completed a 50-kilometre canoe challenge along the River Thames and raised hundreds of pounds for a hospice which gave her younger brother end-of-life care.

Ellie Laurie, 13, a pupil at Blessed George Napier Catholic School in Banbury, raised the money for Helen & Douglas House, which cared for her brother Thomas before he died in February.

The nine-year-old suffered from a rare genetic condition called Cockayne Syndrome, a disease that prematurely ages those with the condition and leaves their DNA unable to repair itself.

It affects two in every million newborns in the United States and Ellie joined.

She organised a group of eight other youngsters, aged 13 to 16, including her friend Lara Tinant, who all have siblings being cared for at the hospice, to take part in the challenge.

The group set off from Oxford on Wednesday, July 30, and completed their challenge three days later in Pangbourne, Berkshire.

Ellie, who lives at the Langford Village estate, near Bicester, said: "I wanted to do the canoe challenge to help raise money for Helen House as they provided so much support for Thomas during his life.

By Helen Wright

"It was an amazing trip. The best part was getting to know the other siblings better and having to work together to paddle the canoes."

So far the group has raised more than £3,000, with Ellie contributing over £650.

Ellie's father Richard said he was very proud of his daughter. The 45-year-old said: "Ellie was an amazing sister to Thomas. She loved Helen House, as we all did for a variety of different reasons."

"First, we went for respite care and later for end-of-life care. The care we received was amazing, and I am sure that is why she wanted to raise money for them."

Andrew Jackson, siblings and care team worked at Helen House, said: "Everyone was so enthusiastic, seeing the challenge through from the planning stage right to the finish."

"I feel really proud of them all. The whole trip was fun, a great team-building opportunity, and they even raised money along the way."

"The funds they have raised will ensure we can continue to provide specialist care for the families and children who visit Helen House."

● You can still support the canoe challenge by visiting <https://www.justgiving.com/teams/HDHsibscanoe>

## Scrap merchant describes ordeal of police sting

A SCRAP metal merchant who cleared his name last week has spoken of the strain the case has had on him and his family over the last two years.

Joey Smith, of Smiths of Bloxham yard, last week had his conviction of dealing with dodgy metal overturned at the Court of Appeal.

He was prosecuted following an undercover police operation which saw his yard raided and him and his colleagues arrested in 2012.

Three other workers had charges dropped

against them and another was cleared after a trial last year.

The 25-year-old, of Milton Road in Adderbury, said the case had caused stress to his family including his terminally ill parents.

He said his 70-year-old father Peter - who had charges against him dropped before the case went to court - was suffering Parkinson's disease and prostate cancer, and his 64-year-old mother Kathleen's breast cancer had returned and spread to her lung during the ordeal.

He said: "The case caused stress on my ill

mother and father for such a long time."

Between December 2011 and May 2012, undercover officers visited the yard 33 times offering metal for sale, which they claimed Mr Smith bought believing it to be stolen.

Mr Smith was convicted of attempting to convert criminal property and given a £1,750 fine, and a £2,500 costs order, after a trial at Oxford Crown Court in December last year.

But last week this was overturned by the Court of Appeal.

Mr Smith, who has always denied the charges, said: "We will try to forget it all."

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■ Review of services for people with learning disabilities welcomed

# More cared for at home

**THE number of people with learning disabilities who need state-funded help has risen 16 per cent in the past two years, it has been revealed.**

Council and NHS bosses were funding care for 2,078 people in their own homes or care facilities in March this year, compared with 1,792 in March 2012.

People supported who live at home has risen from 1,298 to 1,673 in the two years.

Oxfordshire County Council spokesman Paul Smith said: "It has gone up by 16 per cent due to an overall increase in the number of adults with a learning disability and the fact that people with a learning disability are living much longer."

The rise was revealed amid a review of learning disability services, sparked in part by the death of an Oxford teenager in a city NHS facility.

Connor Sparrowhawk died after drowning in a bath at NHS unit Slade House, Headington, last July.

An investigation found his death could have been prevented with more frequent checks on his baths and better overall assessments.

One area the review wants to

**By Oliver Evans**

improve is the take-up of physical and mental "health checks" with GPs, a move welcomed by adults with learning disabilities.

Banbury's Nigel Taylor, 55, who has cataracts, diabetes and hearing aids, said a health check three years ago proved vital.

He said: "I wish I could have heard of health checks a lot sooner, then probably it would have helped me with my health and made me a lot better."

Wife Tracey, 46, who has mild learning disabilities and is a trustee of Oxford learning disability charity My Life My Choice welcomed the review, being run with the NHS Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group (OCCG).

She said: "In the wake of the tragic and preventable death of Connor Sparrowhawk, I'm heartened to see that the county council and OCCG have responded positively to the views of people with learning disabilities and their families.

"The challenge now is to turn the plan into meaningful action."

The council and county NHS are reviewing services that both contract from Southern Health



**Nigel and Tracey Taylor from Banbury**

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NHS Foundation Trust, which runs Slade House.

The contract runs out in December 2015 for services like home support, hospital and residential care and social work.

A council and county NHS report to county councillors said: "Local confidence in services provided by Southern Health has

been impacted upon by the death of Connor Sparrowhawk."

Helping people with a learning disability and "challenging behaviour" to live in the community is a key consideration, it said.

This is demanded by the Department of Health's Winterbourne Concordat, a

response to abuse of patients at private Gloucestershire hospital Winterbourne View, exposed by BBC TV's *Panorama*.

Services that help people move from a residential setting to their home is not "fast enough", OCCG and council social services boss John Jackson said.

## InBRIEF

### GCSE pupils to get advice

■ DROP-in sessions will be held at Bicester and Banbury College this week for GCSE pupils unsure of their next step. The sessions will be held from 10am to 4pm tomorrow and Friday at the Banbury campus in Broughton Road. Rose Turner, principal of the college, said: "We know that getting exam results can be a stressful time and we want to help young people make the right choice for their future. "Pupils may have done better or worse than expected, or may not yet have decided what to do in September. The message is that it is not too late to decide or make a change." Independent teams will be on hand to advise students.

### Not guilty of sexual assault

■ A TAXI driver from Banbury has been unanimously cleared of sexually assaulting a female passenger. Altaf Hussain, of Portway, was accused of kissing the woman, who cannot be named for legal reasons, on December 16, 2012. But the 50-year-old was found not guilty of carrying out the offence by a jury at Oxford Crown Court on August 7.



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Officers have to be able to run nine 15-metre shuttles in just under 62 seconds.

A spokesman for Thames Valley Police said: "We are working to support officers who have not met the required fitness standard with the aim of further improving these results, ahead of testing becoming a requirement later this year. Having a high standard of fitness enables officers to perform their frontline duties to achieve the best possible outcomes in reducing crime and protecting the communities we serve."

The pass rate is just below the average for England and Wales, which sits at 98 per cent.

The figures come as HM Inspectorate of Constabulary (HMIC) launches a consultation on its approach to assessing the performance of English and Welsh police forces. It will give people a chance to have a say on how HMIC assesses how well police forces prove value for money, cut crime and provide a service that is fair and treats people properly.

The consultation runs until August 29. To take part, visit [hmic.gov.uk](http://hmic.gov.uk).

■ Annual festival is more popular than ever as celebrity chefs join

# Food fair is voted



Michaela Midmore, seven, dad Mark Midmore and Danyl Midmore, four, from Banbury, making pizza



Tim Bennett, of Palace Cuisine, with one of his popular Banbury Cakes

GREAT British Bake Off star Kimberley Wilson showed off her cooking skills at the Banbury Food Fair on Sunday.

The baker, who was a runner-up in the 2013 series, showed the crowds how to create tasty treats.

Also putting his culinary skills to the test was celebrity chef Brian Turner, of *Reality Steady Cook*, *Saturday Kitchen*

By Helen Wright

and *Daily Cooks Challenge* fame, who signed copies of his books and posed for photographs.

Thousands of people attended the annual event which saw hundreds of local businesses take part.

Banbury's Flower and

Produce Show – sponsored by former town mayor and businesswoman Rosemarie Higham – also ran alongside the food fair.

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on public display and attracted hundreds of admirers.

The food fair was organised by Banbury Town Council.

Town mayor councillor Sean Woodcock said: "The fair is good for the town and attracts thousands of people."

"Last year's attracted around 12,000 visitors and this year – with more stalls, more demonstrations, and more to eat and drink – I think the event is busier than ever."

Other entertainment included Banbury's own version of *Ready Steady Cook* in which three couples competed against each other and the clock to prepare meals from 'surprise' ingredients.

Ella Smart and Daniel Raven, from Banbury and Bicester College, were first up, followed by Andrew Davies and Clive Taylor (Letterbox), with mayor Mr Woodcock and his partner Anna Hassell competing in the final heat.

A new attraction this year in the town hall was the Omelette Challenge in which members of the public were invited to make the quickest omelette of the day.

Baker Tim Bennett, of Palace Cuisine in Witney, had a stall at the event.

He said: "We nearly ran out of Banbury Cakes – we only had a few bags left."



A punter tucks in to the food



Kimberley Wilson in action



Paul Barlow-Heal, from Cotswold Baking Ltd

## Number of people unemployed drops

THE number of people claiming Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA) in Oxfordshire dipped below the 3,500 mark for the first time to reach 3,402, figures from the Office for National Statistics revealed last week.

It's four per cent down since the previous month and a drop of 43 per cent year-on-year, meaning less than one per cent of the county's population is on the dole.

Unemployment among younger people is still a concern, as the number of jobless 18-24-year-olds in

Oxfordshire rose by 10 people between June and July.

But year-on-year, the picture was rosier, with 720 signing on in July, down from 1,275 the same time last year.

Nationally, the jobless total was 2.08 million in the quarter to June, down by 132,000 on January to March and the lowest since the end of 2009, giving an unemployment rate of 6.4 per cent.

Catherine Coughlan, customer service operations manager for Oxfordshire JobcentrePlus, said there were 12,000 vacancies

across the county, including roles in catering, retail, security and hospitality.

She said: "The overall number of people claiming unemployment benefit across the county is continuing to come down."

"Numbers tend to go up a little in July because of the influx of school and university leavers but that has not happened."

"As for the 16-24-year olds who are out of work, they tend to be the ones that need help, so we need to work them more intensively."

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## Richard relishes chance to play Towersey's 50th

**O**xfordshire's Towersey Festival will be celebrating its golden anniversary this month with a special five-day event in its stunning rural setting near Thame.

From Thursday to Monday, August 21 to 25, it embraces great music, poetry, story-telling, theatre, dance, comedy, circus, visual arts, film and great food, real ale and cider.

And among the musicians appearing at this 50th Towersey festival are world-class guitarist Richard Thompson, Mercury Prize winner Seth Lakeman, Eliza Carthy, Nancy Kerr and James Fagan, three-piece traditional folk musicians Lau who have four times been BBC Radio 2's Best Folk Band, plus the Bootleg Beatles who headline the opening night spectacular.

Festival director Joe Heap, whose grandfather was one of the event's founders, said: "We are hugely proud to be celebrating Towersey Festival's golden anniversary.

"Towersey appeals to a very wide audience and is popular with all age groups. We attract at least 10,000 people each year – we are especially popular with campers and caravanners – and in the last decade we have raised over £250,000 for local charities, trusts and organisations.

**By Nick Dent-Robinson**

"Plus there is much more to Towersey than the music, good though that always is! We've developed Towersey as a broader arts event and forged strong links with local organisations like Thame Arts and Literature Festival.

"There is art and sculpture on site from local artists, a big spoken word strand with poets and storytellers plus there are poetry and story writing workshops.

"Running in parallel there is the children's festival with all its popular attractions and a real ale and cider festival with 20 different locally-sourced real ales and ciders plus a wide range of catering.

"We are keen to attract people who wouldn't necessarily attend other festivals, so we offer a range of ticket prices including the chance to just pay around £20 to see a single top performance by Richard Thompson or the Bootleg Beatles or Seth Lakeman. There's also an £8 festival taster ticket which is bought at the gate and allows access to the main showground for the day."

**L**egendary performer Thompson is equally enthusiastic about Towersey. He enjoys returning from his American home to perform

at Fairport's Cropredy Convention every few years. So the chance to be at another open-air event in Oxfordshire is a bonus for him.

He said: "Each time when I come back to England to play, I enjoy it hugely. After all, Britain is where everything began for me all those years ago."

Richard, 65, attributes his start in playing the guitar to the late Bert Weedon's *Play in a Day* guitar book.

"I had a battered old Spanish guitar as a young teenager and, thanks entirely to Bert's book, I did learn to play in a day," Richard laughed.

"My dad, who was a policeman at Scotland Yard, used to play guitar in a London dance band but, in truth, I never learned much from him. I went my own musical route.

"Like so many of my generation, I'd been influenced by skiffle and early rock'n'roll and it helped that the guitar was a sexy thing to be seen playing back then.

"I joined various bands at school and we did R & B covers. We also tried to be like The Who. By the time I was 18, I was with Simon Nicol, Ashley Hutchings, Martin Lamble and Judy Dyble playing clubs and universities as Fairport Convention."

For more information, visit [www.towerseyfestival.com](http://www.towerseyfestival.com)

**Former Fairport man Richard Thompson, right, relishes returning from the States to perform at festivals here**



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## Poirot's on the case in classic

**O**XFORD will become the scene of murder and mystery as the Playhouse gears up to stage Agatha Christie's first play.

The Agatha Christie Theatre Company returns with *Black Coffee*, which takes place at the Oxford Playhouse from Tuesday to Saturday, August 26 to 30.

*Black Coffee* launched the career of Christie's most famous character, the retired police detective Hercule Poirot.

Set at an English country estate, all is seemingly calm until murder shatters the

peace and throws the house guests into chaos.

Eccentric physicist Sir Claud Amory is found dead and his new scientific formula has been stolen.

Arriving at the estate just moments after the discovery, one man immediately senses treachery and deception and sets about deducing which one of Amory's guests betrayed him. Hercule Poirot is on the case.

*Black Coffee* at the Playhouse stars Jason Durr as the famous

Jason Durr as Poirot



Belgian sleuth, who is probably best known from ITV's *Heartbeat*.

Jason has also appeared in *Lewis* and *Midsomer Murders*, and was last seen at Oxford Playhouse in Noel Coward's *Volcano*.

He will be joined by Gary Mavers, Ben Nealon, Deborah Grant from *Peak Practice*, Oliver Mellor, who played Dr Matt Carter in *Coronation Street* for four years, and Georgina Leonidas, who played Katie Bell in the *Harry Potter* films.

● Tickets for *Black Coffee* at Oxford Playhouse start at £14 and are available from the ticket office on 01865 305305 or book online at [oxfordplayhouse.com](http://oxfordplayhouse.com)

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**CATCH A FALLING STAR** Caring, loving, loyal, 47 year old Buckingham female, 5'4", curvy, brown eyes, enjoys going to pubs, dancing, music, WITM a loyal, independent female, for companionship and maybe more. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 165815

**COULD IT BE MAGIC?** Spiritual and genuine Didcot woman, 48, attractive, fun, with grown up children, likes clubs, cafes, music, films, walks and reading, seeking a caring and optimistic man, for friendship first. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 125828

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**LET'S LIVE A LITTLE KIND** 51 year old Milton Keynes female, 5'3", blue eyes, blonde hair, like going out for meals, cosy drinks, walking and cosy nights in. Seeks a sincere, honest, reliable male to get to know. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 174590 or send a text to 80360

**GOOD FUN TO BE WITH** Caring, professional, honest Bedford woman, 60, enjoys outdoor sports, singing, the gym and home life, would like to meet a man, with similar interests, for friendship and possibly more. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 150736

**TIME TO START AFRESH** Warm and attractive Witney female, 62, 5'2", curvy build, likes cooking, evenings out and all the nice things, now seeking a friendly and faithful man, to share and enjoy life with. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 128289 or send a text to 80360

**START LIVING AGAIN** Friendly, fun Oxfordshire divorced mum, 53, 5'7", for love again and someone to share life with. Is the right man out there for me? Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 798804

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**ARE YOU OUT THERE?** Genuine Bedford lady, 54, loyal, caring and friendly, enjoys swimming, cycling, cinema and dining out, would like to meet a genuine male, for friendship and romantic times. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 152922

**ARE YOU MY MAN?** Sincere, 54 year old Bedford lady, 5'3", brunette, slim, enjoy eating in and out, walks, places of interest and swimming. Would like to meet a genuine male, aged 55-58, for friendship and love. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 173512 or send a text to 80360

**FRIENDSHIP OR MORE?** Friendly Christian lady, 54, curvy brunette, own car, enjoys indoor and outdoor life, cooking and bowling, looking for someone with similar interests, for friendship and maybe more. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 150961 or send a text to 80360

**ANYONE FOR LOVE?** Happy, 55 year old Luton female, widow, enjoys holidays and travel, cooking and entertaining. Would like to meet a happy, jolly male, with a good sense of humour, to enjoy evenings in and out. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 167294 or send a text to 80360

**NOT JUST ANYONE** Emotional, aware and decent High Wycombe girl, 56, just looking to meet an affable, tender male, for fun and maybe a little romance. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 161351

**FULL OF LOVE** Genuine, trustworthy, 57 year old Milton Keynes female, enjoys gardening, going out and staying in. Would like to meet a nice male for company, friendship, fun times and maybe a relationship. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 174367 or send a text to 80360

**FILLED WITH LAUGHTER** Bubbly, caring Oxfordshire female, GSOH, searching for a genuine, nice, caring guy, also with a great sense of humour, 5'10", med build, for friendship and maybe more. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 171086 or send a text to 80360

**SHARE THE LOVE** Straight-forward Aylesbury female, 58, enjoys walks, shopping and all the usual things in life, searching for a normal, friendly man, to share company and a happy future. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 174213 or send a text to 80360

**SINCERE FRIENDSHIP** Friendly and cuddly, 58 year old Buckingham female, widow, enjoys walks, meals out and drinks out. Would like to meet a sincere male for friendship and maybe more. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 177102 or send a text to 80360

**ARE YOU MY MATCH?** Kind, 59 year old Abingdon female, 5'2", red hair, medium build, love gardening, DIY, fun cosy nights in and cats. Seeking a genuine man with a good sense of humour for a romantic relationship. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 173744 or send a text to 80360

**SIMILAR TO MYSELF?** Cuddly, honest, witty woman, 59, 5'3", N/S, blonde hair, likes swimming, the theatre and weekend breaks away, seeking a humorous, reliable male, with similar interests, to share a life together. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 153853 or send a text to 80360

**TABLE FOR TWO?** Genuine, sincere, 60 year old Witney lady, loves going to concerts and listening to music. Would like to meet a fun-loving gentleman with a vest for life, for friendship and more. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 172746

**EVERYONE NEEDS SOMEONE** Loving, professional, honest Bedford woman, 60, enjoys outdoor sports, singing, the gym and home life, would like to meet a man, with similar interests, for friendship and possibly more. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 150736

**CARE AND AFFECTION** Chatty, adventurous, 42 year old Abingdon-Thames male, non-smoker, blue eyes, wear glasses, like travelling and heavy metal music. Seeks a female for a loving relationship. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 176031 or send a text to 80360

**MIX AND MATCH** Sociable 35 year old Oxford guy, like running, outdoors, art and music. Searching for an outgoing girl, for good times and great company. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 174011 or send a text to 80360

**THE LONG TERM** Separated, cooking Oxon female, 62, likes cosy evenings in/out and much more, seeks friendly male, to enjoy life with. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 100451

**CATCH MY EYE** Friendly, fun-loving Georgie female living in Banbury, 62, 5'2", blonde, curvy, new to the area, like picnics and days out. Seeks an interesting, outgoing gent, for good times and great company. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 169899 or send a text to 80360

**BRIGHTEN MY DAY** Down-to-earth, 63 year old Bicester female, enjoys reading, gardening, rugby, watching sports, eating out, holidays, short breaks, theatre and cinema. Seeks a male for friendship initially. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 175514 or send a text to 80360

**THIS ENCHANTED EVENING** Intelligent, smartly dressed, 64 year old Witney female, widow, who enjoys socialising, theatre, cinema and holidays. Seeks a male to spend the evenings and weekends with who has similar interests. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 170119

**DESCRIBE YOURSELF** Fun loving Bedford male, 65, open minded and active, likes cosy times in, social drinks, reading and music, would like to meet a male, for friendship. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 154642 or send a text to 80360

**RELY ON ME** Happy, friendly, christian woman, 67, enjoys long walks along the coast, puzzles and 60s music, looking for a N/S, christian man, to share friendship and a little bit of romance. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 149039 or send a text to 80360

**COMPANY AND MORE** Friendly, honest, 67 year old Aylesbury female, retired, widow, non-smoker, like holidays and camping. Would like to meet a male aged 60-65 for company, maybe more. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 176427 or send a text to 80360

**ADVENTURES AHEAD** Loving, caring, 68 year old Aylesbury lady, widow, like socialising, holidays, camping and meals out. Would like to meet a gentleman for friendship and more. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 175593 or send a text to 80360

**DO IT TOGETHER** Down-to-earth, retired teacher lady, 68, enjoys car boot sales, bingo, eating out and generally always up for a laugh, would like to meet a kind, caring gent, for friendship and maybe more. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 158321 or send a text to 80360

**WALK OF LIFE** Self-assured, strong-minded and motivated Bampton girl, 72, just looking to meet a friendly, trustworthy male, for a special and lasting relationship. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 156046



**ACCEPT EACH OTHER** Easygoing Wantage male, 52, own car, works full-time, likes most sports, would like to meet an outgoing female, for good times leading to more. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 135164 or send a text to 80360

**CARING & CONSIDERATE** Kind-hearted, active Oxford man, 38, enjoys staying fit, playing sports and fine dining with friends and family, would like to meet a similar female, for companionship and love. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 147790 or send a text to 80360

**FEEL THE LOVE** Lively and loyal Oxford male, 40, 5'10", medium build, enjoys motorbikes, clubs, cinema, dining and more, simply searching for a loving and kind woman, to share friendship and happy times. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 117999

**ALL TO LOVE** Kind and caring Oxfordshire male, 54, brown hair, green eyes, GSOH, searching for a nice, genuine girl, for friendship and maybe more. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 461278

**QUALITY COUNTS** Bright, upbeat and happy Oxfordshire man, 42, with personality and a love of life, would like a date with a bubbly, tender, warm-hearted girl, then to share the good times and great company. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 111253 or send a text to 80360

**ARE YOU MY KIND?** Kind, caring, 43 year old Oxford male, 5'10", slim build, own car, likes meals out, music, the beach, cinema, pubs and travel. Seeking female between 20-40 for long-term relationship. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 172910 or send a text to 80360

**A FUN-LOVING MAN** Out-going, laid-back, 46 year old Oxford male, wear glasses, smoker, enjoy cinema, night clubs, eating out, walks, films and games. Seeks a woman, aged 25-46, for fun, friendship and maybe more. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 177345

**COME CLOSER** Active, kind-hearted and upbeat Oxford bloke, 47, 6'3", looking to find an insightful, liberal woman, for fun and maybe a little romance. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 130080

**MAKE MY DAY** Laid-back, caring, 47 year old Oxford male, 5'11", slim-medium build, blue eyes, short hair, enjoy gardening, cooking, sports, walking and the coast. Seeks a lady, 35-50, with similar interests. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 174616 or send a text to 80360

**THIS ENCHANTED EVENING** Understanding, caring, 47 year old Oxford male, 5'11", brown hair, blue eyes, enjoys walks in the countryside, old pubs, fitness, sports. Seeks an affectionate female, 40-50, for a relationship. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 170899 or send a text to 80360

**LUCKY IN LOVE?** Oxford male, 47, 5'9", medium build, own flat and car, genuine, honest and caring. Looking for a slim, mature lady, 50-62, to enjoy days out, seaside and nights in and out together. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 174567 or send a text to 80360

**HEY HEY HEY** Friendly, music loving male, 47, going to gigs and plays guitar, looking to meet a loving lady with similar interests for friendship, leading to more. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 150863 or send a text to 80360

**MADE FOR EACH OTHER** Happy-go-lucky Abingdon-Thames male, 48, 5'9", medium build, short hair, likes walks, cinema, social drink, quiet pubs, seeking a nice woman, for friendship and hopefully more. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 166651 or send a text to 80360

**HOPE SPRINGS ETERNAL** Kind, caring, down-to-earth Thames male, 48, enjoys music, country walks, cooking, reading, films, seeking a kind, sincere, slim female. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 137427

**CHEEK TO CHEEK** Hard-working and happy Oxford male, 52, 5'7", own home, likes socialising, cooking, nights in and good company, now searching for a nice, sincere lady, to share friendship, love and laughter. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 121027 or send a text to 80360

**LOVE THE ONE YOU'RE WITH** Friendly, warm-hearted Abingdon male, 52, good sense of humour, would like to meet a caring, well-matured girl, to enjoy good times together. Is you're looking for true love then get in touch. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 115894

**EYE TO EYE** Honest, caring, reliable, male, 54, interests are walking, countryside, coastal walks, animals, eating out, cosy nights in, F1, cooking, DIY, history, architecture, looking for a LTR. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 152776

**SO GOOD TOGETHER** Genuine, easygoing, happy Abingdon male, 63, own home/car, enjoys dancing, days out and walking the dog, searching for a genuine lady, with a sense of humour and happy nature. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 466085

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**FUN AND ENJOYMENT** Kind, caring and reliable, 54 year old Oxford male, like coastal walks, the countryside, animals, eating out, cosy nights in, history, DIY, cooking, seeking a female for a long-term relationship. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 171063 or send a text to 80360

**THE START OF SOMETHING NEW?** Mature Oxford man, 55, 5'8", green eyes, N/S, likes music, walking and keeping fit, GSOH, would like to meet a nice, bright lady, for fun times and see where that leads to. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 158142 or send a text to 80360

**TAKE CHARGE** Bright, humorous and optimistic Banbury man, 56, would like a date with a chatty, active woman, for good times and great company. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 132836

**MAKE A DATE** Young-at-heart, blue-eyed Wallingford man, 58, good sense of humour, enjoys dancing, would like to meet a friendly lady, to get to know each other and see where that leads to. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 159203 or send a text to 80360

**BY MOONLIGHT** Upbeat and faithful Burford chap, 59, widowed, own home and car, hard-working, loves days out, drives, walks, the countryside and more, now looking for a similar woman, for true company. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 117916 or send a text to 80360

**CARING NATURE** Friendly, adventurous and vibrant Witney male, 60, would like to meet a bubbly, observant lady, for good times, great company and maybe more if there is a spark. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 111595

**COME ALIVE** Happy, helpful and spirited Bampton / Burford / Carterton man, 60, would like a date with a sensitive, trustworthy girl, for friendship and a fresh start in life. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 160696 or send a text to 80360

**DECISION IS YOURS** Honest, easygoing Yorkshire man living in Banbury, 61, 5'6", slim build, self-employed, likes gardening, cooking, cinema, travel, countryside, seeks genuine lady, to share life with. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 140930

**PASSION FLOWER** Creative, instinctive and sympathetic Wallingford man, 61, looking for an approachable, helpful female, to share the future with. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 101122 or send a text to 80360

**KEEPING WITH THE TIMES** Happy go lucky, blue-eyed Banbury man, 61, 5'5", slim build, likes gardening, cinema, meals out, travel, country side and 60s music, seeks genuine lady, for friendship maybe more. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 156014 or send a text to 80360

**FUN AND LAUGHTER** Honest, sensitive and decent Oxford man, 61, would like to find a warm-hearted, genuine, caring woman, to share laughter and enjoy life with. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 145981

**LOCAL LADY?** Polite, honest, genuine, 61 year old Wallingford male, 6ft, widower, wear glasses, like staying in, going out, movies and weekends away. Seeks a nice, honest female for company and friendship. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 173013 or send a text to 80360

**SCRUBS UP WELL** Optimistic, positive, 62 Witney male, I'm active with a good sense of humour. Having diverse interests and still scrubbing up well, seeking an attractive lady who is also active and enjoys life. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 161846 or send a text to 80360

**SOUND LIKE YOUR MATCH?** Tall, handsome, fit Abingdon male, 63, slim build, enjoys DIY, gardening, travel and walking, seeking a slim, petite, adventurous female, for good company and to enjoy a happy life with. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 159314

**POSITIVE ATTITUDE** Fit Luton male, 63, looking for someone who can share fun, life in general and hopefully love with. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 460522

**FAMILY LIFE** Well educated male, 59, I live in Oxford, I'm an active guy and run my own business. I have children and grand children. Interests: music/comedy. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 453368

**MORE IN TIME** Thoughtful, kind, self-employed Witney male, 65, loves cinema, theatre, eating out and more, searching for a serious-minded lady, for a loving and supportive relationship. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 109413 or send a text to 80360

**WHAT A WONDERFUL WORLD** Tender, fit and romantic Oxford man, 67, would like to find a woman interested in the arts for friendship, sharing some of life's memorable moments including concerts and long country walks. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 150131

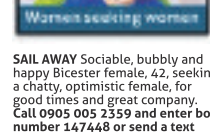
**CREATE A DATE** Solvent, retired North Oxfordshire gent, 68, 5'9", 11st, own home and car, with a love of cinema, travel and new adventures, seeks a nice, loyal, feminine lady, for companionship and more. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 132140

**IT'S A BEAUTIFUL DAY** Loyal, genuine, solvent Oxfordshire male, 68, 5'9", 11st, own home and car, retired professional, loves music, theatre and exploring new ideas. I seek an attractive, feminine lady, to share life. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 104998

**START OF A NEW JOURNEY** Cheerful, slim, fit Banbury male, 71, ex forces, GSOH, likes sport, walks, animals and cosy evenings in, searching for a decent, positive lady, to settle down with and share a happy future. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 104901 or send a text to 80360

**SEE FOR YOURSELF** Youthful, faithful, liberal and sympathetic Middlesbrough man, 73, looking for a sweet, sensitive woman, for good times and great company. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 141502

**DANCE INTO TOMORROW** Fun, talkative and friendly Oxford guy, 79, non smoker, likes social drinks from time to time, just hoping to meet a bubbly, confident lady, to build a loving and lasting relationship with. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 100937



**SAIL AWAY** Sociable, bubbly and happy Bicester female, 62, seeking a chatty, optimistic female, for good times and great company. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 147448 or send a text to 80360

**ANYONE OUT THERE?** Young-at-heart, 66 year old Luton female, would like to meet a fellow of a similar age for friendship and to go on holiday together this year. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 170118 or send a text to 80360

**MAKE A CONNECTION** Interesting, friendly Oxford male, 65, varied interests, loves walks, reading, travel and more, seek a sensitive male, similar age, for a loving relationship. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 857624

**THAT'S ALL FOR NOW...** Easygoing, friendly Didcot male, 67, enjoys walks, theatre, cosy times in, socialising, seeks a friendly, active chap, for company and more. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 131800 or send a text to 80360

**SOCIAL TIMES** Caring, sociable 67 Abingdon-Thames male, I am semi-retired, presentable and cheerful, looking for a similar male to share good times, fun and friendship with. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 161819 or send a text to 80360

**LET'S EXPLORE** Abingdon male, 70, 5'9", medium build, easygoing and affectionate, looking for someone similar, to share fun and good times. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 453567 or send a text to 80360

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# Arnie and Sly turn back time for combat mission

## THE EXPENDABLES 3

(12A, 126 mins) Action/Thriller. Sylvester Stallone, Jason Statham, Antonio Banderas, Wesley Snipes, Dolph Lundgren, Randy Couture, Terry Crews, Kellan Lutz, Ronda Rousey, Glen Powell, Victor Ortiz, Robert Davi, Kelsey Grammer, Jet Li, Mel Gibson, Harrison Ford, Arnold Schwarzenegger. Director: Patrick Hughes.

Following a spectacular stunt aboard a moving train that opens this third instalment of the action franchise, Arnold Schwarzenegger turns to Sylvester Stallone and wearily confides: "I'm getting out of this business... and so should you."

Sage advice from the former governor of California.

His words fall on deaf ears because *The Expendables* is a cash cow for Stallone, who directed and co-wrote the original in 2010 and has been reliving his muscle-bound glory days ever since.

Australian director Patrick Hughes, who impressed with gritty low-budget western *Red Hill*, takes charge of this outlandish mission festooned with bone-crunching hand-to-hand combat, pithy one-liners and huge explosions.

And *The Expendables 3* certainly opens with a bang. Several.

Barney Ross (Sylvester Stallone) and his crew of battle-hardened mercenaries – Lee Christmas (Jason Statham), Tugger Jensen (Dolph Lundgren), Toll Road (Randy Couture) and Hale Caesar (Terry Crews) – orchestrate a prison breakout.

Their target: original *Expendables* member Doctor Death (Wesley

Snipes), who has been off the grid for several years.

"I heard you killed more people than the plague," growls Toll Road to his new comrade.

The bolstered team heads to Mogadishu at the behest of chief Max Drummer (Harrison Ford), where a skirmish at the dockyards brings Barney face-to-face with a ghost from the past.

Conrad Stonebanks (Mel Gibson), co-founder of the *Expendables*, who Barney was ordered to kill, is alive and exceeding well on the ill-gotten gains of the arms trade.

Faced with an adversary, who possesses unlimited supplies of state-of-the-art weaponry, Barney retires the old team and enlists the help of Trench (Arnold Schwarzenegger) and retired medic Bonaparte (Kelsey Grammer) to bring down Stonebanks.

They assemble a fearless younger crew comprising bareknuckle brawler Smilee (Kellan Lutz), nightclub bouncer Luna (Ronda Rousey), hacker Thorn (Glen Powell), weaponry specialist Mars (Victor Ortiz) and infuriatingly talkative former Spanish Armed Forces operative Galgo (Antonio Banderas).

*The Expendables 3* is an entertaining and far-fetched tour of duty that sensibly welcomes fresh faces to the fold and provides Banderas, Ford, Gibson and Snipes with sizeable roles to turn back the clocks.

"I haven't had so much fun in years," cackles Ford, after he lays waste to hordes of enemy soldiers.

The clash between old school brute force and modern day tech savvy provides the scriptwriters with



Arnold Schwarzenegger and Sylvester Stallone in a scene from *The Expendables 3*

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a rich vein of humour. Thus, when Barney outlines his heavy-handed solution to toppling Stonebanks, Luna snorts derisively: "It's a great plan... if it was 1985."

Stallone looks good for his age and sparks brotherly banter with Statham, whose wavering accent is a prime target for put-downs.

They look like proud fathers, passing the mantle to the next generation of action heroes, who could potentially help the *Expendables* sequels reach double digits while Stallone does his bit for the cause with a walking frame rocket launcher.

## CakeWhat's on

### Music

**FRIDAY: Horse & Groom, Milcombe:** Kev G kicks off a beer and music festival weekend with covers from the past 60 years. Free entry. 8.30pm. 01295 722142.

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### Events

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## Sorry United in a third defeat

<b>Slough Town</b>	<b>2</b>
(Short 28, Thomas 74)	
<b>Banbury Utd</b>	<b>1</b>
(Katsoloudi 59)	

BANBURY United's poor start to the Premier Division season continued with a third straight defeat on Saturday. George Short put the hosts ahead, but Banbury levelled when Elias Katsoloudi converted Nkosi Mzungwana's cross. However, Darryl Thomas bagged Slough's winner and just to compound their misery Marvin Martin was sent off on 77 minutes for fouling Johnnie Dyer. Despite the loss, there was some promise in United's performance, especially in the second half.

United last lost their first three league matches of a season in 2002-03.

That team then embarked on an unbeaten run of 18 matches, aided by the goals of Norman Sylla.

**Team:** Hill, Cray, Mzungwana, Westbrook, Abrahams, Ryan, Evangelinos (Edekunle 57), Vincent, Simpson, Katsoloudi (Walcott 63), Martin-Young (Morombedzi 71). Subs not used: Masri, Oke.

**Attendance:** 312

# Banbury's derby loss

ASTON Rowant's bid to avoid relegation from Division 1 received a timely boost with a three-wicket victory over Oxfordshire rivals Banbury on Saturday.

Skipper Wes Morrick steered his side to success as Rowant passed their target of 188 with just two balls remaining.

After being asked to bat first, Banbury lost Lloyd Sabin early on. A half-century stand between Craig Haupt and Richard West gave them a platform to build, but Haupt's 33 was Banbury's top score as no batsmen could build on their start.

Miles Hammond (3-22) and Adam Muttitt (3-26), who each bowled seven overs, produced good spells for Rowant, who dismissed the visitors off the penultimate ball.

In reply, Tim Morgan and Chris Watling put on 53 for the first wicket, and when they had reached 111-2,

Rowant were in command. However, Ollie Wright then picked up the first of his four wickets to have Karl Penhale caught behind by Jonny Cater.

Hammond was trapped leg before by West, and then Dan Matthews and Joshua Smith also fell lbw, both to Wright in quick succession.

At 129-6 it seemed that the match had swung in Banbury's favour. However, Morrick joined Richard Cook at the crease and a crucial partnership of 37 set up an exciting finish.

Cook was bowled by Wright, but Morrick led by example and, partnered by Muttitt, managed to end unbeaten on 29 as he steered his side to a win.

The victory sees Rowant move 19 points clear of Harefield, who are second in the relegation zone, with just three matches remaining of the season.



Banbury's Richard West ducks under this delivery from Wes Morrick

## SCORECARD

### BANBURY

L Sabin c Matthews b Morrick	.....9
C Haupt b Hammond	.....33
R West c Matthews b Hammond	.....20
N Hawkes b Hammond	.....6
J Cater c&b Muttitt	.....26
J Lambden b Muttitt	.....12
A Blanchard b Kazmi	.....16
D Bartlett st Matthews b Muttitt	.....15
L Manley b Kazmi	.....12
O Wright run out	.....5
J Phillips not out	.....0
Extras	.....34
Total (all out, 49.5 ovs)	.....188
Fall: 1-11, 2-67, 3-79, 4-80, 5-113, 6-141, 7-143, 8-170, 9-179.	
<b>Bowling:</b> Morrick 10-2-27-1, Penhale 8-1-44-0, Hammond 7-0-22-3, Harris 8-2-31-0, Kazmi 9.5-2-30-2, Muttitt 7-0-26-3.	

### ASTON ROWANT

T Morgan c Cater b Phillips	.....30
C Watling c Manley b Blanchard	.....27
M Hammond lbw West	.....31
K Penhale c Cater b Wright	.....19
R Cook b Wright	.....25
D Matthews lbw Wright	.....1
J Smith lbw Wright	.....3
W Morrick not out	.....29
A Muttitt not out	.....9
Extras	.....15
Total (7 wks, 49.4 ovs)	.....189
Fall: 1-53, 2-83, 3-111, 4-120, 5-125, 6-129, 7-166.	
<b>Bowling:</b> Bartlett 5.4-1-19-0, Manley 5-0-22-0, Blanchard 9-2-25-1, Wright 10-0-32-4.	

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By David Duffy

**IT IS rare for a convertible to look as good with the roof up as it does with the roof down. BMW's new 4 Series is one of the few with real road presence.**

Lower, wider and longer than the outgoing 3 Series Convertible, it looks for all the world like a slick, sleek coupé.

But a gentle pull on a button between the front seats launches the three-piece retractable metal hard-top roof into the air and within 20 seconds it stows itself away in the boot, leaving an even slinkier vehicle.

The dimensions of the new car differ significantly from the outgoing BMW 3 Series Convertible and its shorter overhangs, long bonnet and set back passenger compartment deliver an altogether more athletic stance.

But enough of the looks, BMW has built its reputation as a maker of sharp handling, overtly sporting, luxurious driver's cars and this vehicle does not disappoint.

The chassis of the new BMW 4 Series Convertible is based on that of the new BMW 4 Series Coupé and springs, damping and axle characteristics have all been tailored to ensure an engaging, dynamic yet comfortable driving experience, whether the roof is up or down.

The M Sport suspension, fitted on the 3.0-litre, straight six petrol engine-powered test car, can also be ordered separately for other models in the range. It consists of a firmer spring/damper set-up, stiffer anti-roll bars and tweaked suspension settings.

BMW also offers the M Sport braking system, which has aluminium fixed callipers and



**SLEEK:** Whether roof up or roof down, this BMW packs a punch

### Auto facts

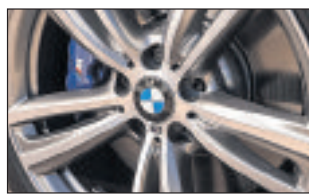
**Model:** BMW 435i Convertible M Sport 306  
**Price:** £45,480  
**Insurance group:** 39 (1-50)  
**Fuel consumption (Combined):** 33.6mpg  
**Top speed:** 155mph  
**Length:** 463.8cm/182.6in  
**Width:** 201.7cm/79.4in  
**Luggage capacity:** 7.8 cu ft  
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generously sized discs. Alternatively, there is the Adaptive M Sport Suspension option which adjusts the damper mapping to the road surface and driving situation. You can also use a 'Drive Performance Control' switch to vary the basic suspension settings between the more comfortable and the sportier.

Inside, the controls are wrapped around the driver cockpit-style with a sports steering wheel, circular instruments in black panel look and the freestanding flat screen iDrive monitor. In the rear, the bench design has two individual seats, fitted with removable head restraints, with cup holders and a storage tray for small items between them.

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■ SAT NAV systems might prove popular, but many drivers still like an up-to-date atlas in the car. The new 2015 AA Great Britain Road Atlas range includes seven versions with differing scales, size and bindings all fully revised for 2015. Priced from £9.99, AA atlases contain information including city, town and port plans, and updated static speed camera locations with speed limits.

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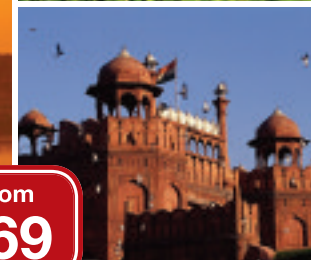
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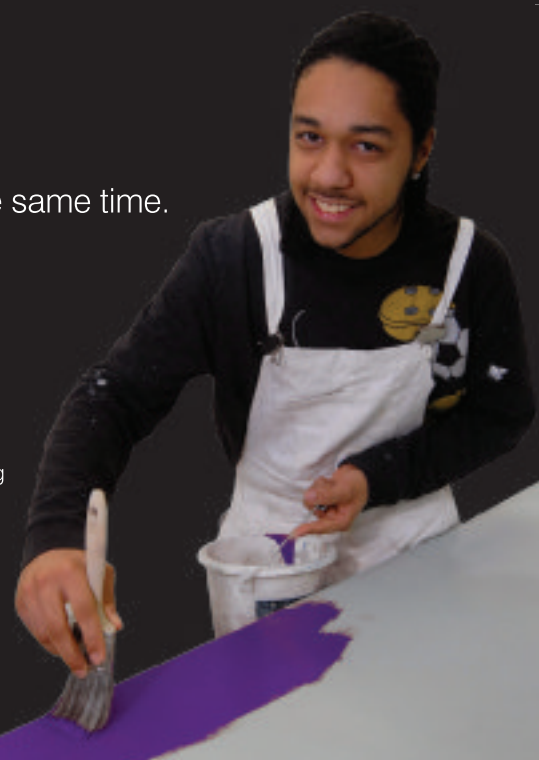
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